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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.